

## NEWS OF THE WASHINGTON CHURCHES---WRITTEN FOR THE TIMES

EPWORTH LEAGUE IN  
BIG MASS MEETING

Dr. Wilbur Sheridan, General Secretary, Addresses Washington Members.

Dr. Wilbur F. Sheridan, of Chicago, general secretary of the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was the principal speaker last night at a mass meeting of District Leagues at the Metropolitan Memorial M. E. Church.

Dr. Sheridan will go to Cumberland, Md., Sunday to deliver an address. Officers of the Washington League have crowned Leagues of Washington into unusual activity since their election last May. With an expectation of increasing the membership from 2,000 to 4,000, they already have passed the 3,000 mark.

A "great home" at Washington Grove for the aged and poor next summer is being provided with funds raised through the department of social service of the league.

Officers of the league in Washington are: Charles F. Linger, president; L. L. Schmare, first vice president; S. M. Falconer, Jr., second vice president; Miss Florence C. Day, third vice president; John T. Schrott, fourth vice president; S. M. Falconer, Jr., recording secretary; W. L. Evans, corresponding secretary; Lee B. Emory, treasurer, and Mrs. Julia Jett, superintendent of Junior League work.

Foundry Chapter Will  
Hold Prayer Meeting

The devotional service of Foundry Chapter of the Epworth League Sunday evening, at 7 o'clock, will consist of prayer, praise and testimony by the members, without a leader.

Calvary Chapter will hold a musical service Sunday evening in charge of the director of music, H. P. Carl. Epworth Herald Day was observed last Sunday evening, with C. F. Stoddard as leader, with the reward of several new subscriptions for the league paper. The meeting was participated in by many members.

Trinity Chapter reports an attendance of 20 at a recent Sunday evening meeting, at which time the Chapter choir sang Handel's Hallelujah chorus. Thirty-five new members were elected at the January 10th meeting.

W. H. Richardson is conducting the "Win-My-Chum" meetings at Hamline League every Sunday evening. The league has charge of the song service Friday evening, following an "indoor picnic" at 8 o'clock at the church.

Special Mass Sunday  
For Communion Day

In observance of the regular Communion Day for the Children of Mary, the Rev. James A. Smith, their director, will celebrate a special mass at 8 o'clock Sunday in St. Patrick's Church. Father Smith will give a short instruction at this mass, and will again address them in the afternoon at 4, when they will assemble for the recitation of their office, a short sermon, and the benediction of the blessed sacrament.

At 11 o'clock a solemn high mass will be sung by the Rev. William J. Carroll, with two fathers from Holy Cross College, Brookland, D. C., serving as deacon and subdeacon. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. John W. McNamara. On every Sunday evening at 7:30 Mr. W. T. Russell conducts special services for the League of the Good Shepherd. These devotions consist of the recitation of office, a short sermon, and conclude with the benediction of the blessed sacrament.

Successful Revival to  
Close Sunday Evening

The greatest revival in the history of the Maryland Avenue Baptist Church will be brought to a close Sunday evening with a record of nearly fifty professions of faith, a large number of whom have joined the church for baptism. The revival has been in progress for the past fortnight, with the Rev. C. M. Billings, of Parnham, N. Y., co-operating with the pastor, the Rev. Paul P. Watlington. At the Sunday evening service, Dr. Watlington will preach on the topic "Christian Growth," and for the concluding service, Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, on "Why I Am a Slave to Christ."

Officers Are Installed  
By Sons of Jonadab

At the last stated session of Good Will Council, No. 9, Sons of Jonadab, Sovereign Deputy Chief A. H. Ragan, assisted by J. J. Kelly, acting sovereign guide, installed the following officers for the ensuing term: Charles A. Sazak, worthy chief; John E. Raden, chief; P. H. Hildner, vice chief; J. J. Hayre, patriarch; W. E. Monroe, recording secretary; J. J. Hayre, secretary; W. E. Monroe, financial secretary; W. E. Monroe, treasurer; John C. Hills, guide; R. E. Brown, assistant guide; E. S. Hauver, guide watchman, and Samuel B. Kennedy, outside watchman.

Vesper Service to Be  
Held by the Y. W. C. A.

Miss Florence M. Brown, general secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association, announces that a vesper service will be held at the Y. W. C. A., room, 232 F street, on Sunday at 4:30 p. m. Miss Mary George White of Baltimore, will speak on the subject of the student volunteer movement. Miss White and Miss Florence Brown were both in attendance at the recent conference at Kansas City.

"Missions" Is Subject  
At Epworth League

"Missions" is the topic for discussion at the Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church, John Marshall place and C street northwest, Sunday evening. The leader is Mrs. Hyatt. There was a large attendance last Sunday, and a larger one is expected this Sunday. Increased interest by the young people is encouraging to the officers, and the 20 mark is expected to be reached by the end of this month.

## CABINET OFFICERS OF DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE



Left to Right—JOHN T. SCHROTT, Fourth Vice President; S. M. FALCONER, JR., Recording Secretary; MISS FLORENCE C. DAY, Third Vice President; CHARLES F. LINGER, President; SAMUEL D. BOSS, Second Vice President; L. L. SCHMARE, First Vice President; LEE B. EMORY, Treasurer; W. L. EVANS, Corresponding Secretary.

Bible Conference to  
Be Held in Capital

One of the most extensive Bible conferences ever held in this city is announced to take place beginning Sunday, February 8, and continuing for the week following, including Sunday, February 15. Washington is one of a large number of cities throughout the country to be given one of the series of these conferences which are under the direction of the mid-winter Bible conference committee, located at Pittsburgh. The ministers of Washington have arranged the details of the conference here and will have active charge of the conduct of the meetings. All sessions will be held in the First Congregational Church.

Secretary Bryan will open the conference with an address Sunday, February 8, at 3:30 p. m. Among the other speakers will be Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, of London, the great exposition preacher; Dr. John Henry Jowett, of New York; Dr. William Souper, of London, and others.

## To Discuss Objections.

"Objections to the Divine Fatherhood Considered," will be the topic for discussion at the Church of Our Father Universalist, Thirtieth and L streets northwest, Sunday morning, 11 o'clock, by the Rev. John Van Schaick, Jr., pastor.

Gospel Meetings Show  
Increase in Interest

The Gospel meetings being held at Hamline Methodist Episcopal Church increase in interest night after night, and are largely attended. Last evening closed the second week of the evangelistic services conducted by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Lucius C. Clark. The subjects of the sermons during the week have covered "The Call of Jesus."

Tomorrow will begin the third week of the series of meetings, and Dr. Clark will preach at the 11 o'clock service on the theme "Weeds or Wings," and in the evening, at 8 o'clock, will have for his subject "A Great Battle." The evening service on Sunday and each evening during the week, excepting Saturday, will be of especial interest. The large chorus choir of fifty voices will assist the quartet of the church. Devotional services, led by representatives of the church societies precede Dr. Clark's sermon each evening.

## Four Greatest Sins.

"The Four Greatest Sins, Hypocrisy, Immorality, Pride, and Intemperance," will be the subject of an address by the Rev. E. S. H. Gann, pastor of the United Christian Church, at the American Rescue Workers' headquarters on Third street northwest. The talk will be given at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. On Sunday, January 25, he plans to give a great historical review, "The Fall of Babylon."

Dr. Radcliffe Will Give  
Winter Lecture Series

The Rev. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, has announced a course of winter lectures. He will preach on "Peter Waldo—the Voice from the Valleys," Sunday evening.

Other lecture dates are: January 25, "Dias Irae—the Trumpet Peal of the Monks," February 1, "Hildegard—the Woman Who Saw Visions," February 8, "Wycliffe—the Father of the English Bible," February 15, "Catherine of Siena—the Woman Who Ruled Popes," February 22, "Songs of Freedom," March 1, "John Huss—the Martyr of the Reformation," March 8, "Thomas à Kempis," March 15, "Savonarola," March 22, "The Singing Shoemaker," March 29, "A Song of the Reformation."

Foundry Church Men  
In Annual Meeting

The annual open meeting of the Men's Club of Foundry Methodist Episcopal Church was held Friday evening. A musical program was given by Anton Kaspar, director of music, assisted by the quartet and orchestra. N. Floyd Featherstone, assisted by Miss Sibyl Sipher, presented a musical potpourri with piano, banjo, mandolin and musical bells.

"LOVE OFFERING" IS  
GIVEN NEW CHURCH

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Remembers Its "Sister" Congregation.

At a business meeting of First Church of Christ, Scientist, it was voted to present last Sunday's collection to the recently organized Second Church as a "love offering." The amount of the collection was about \$500. The new church is growing so rapidly that the auditorium in which the meetings are held must shortly be enlarged.

It is said that the interest in the subject of Christian Science in Washington is growing rapidly and that it is keeping pace with the growth in other places. It is officially announced that during the last church year the increase in the number of Christian Science churches throughout the country was on an average of about two each week for the entire year.

Both Washington churches tomorrow have the subject "Life." As indicating that right thoughts and right actions produce one's days there will be quoted from the Psalms: "What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it." To show the power of thought wrongly directed, the following will be quoted from the text-book: "A felon, on whom certain English students experimented, fancied himself bleeding to death, and died because of that belief, when only a stream of warm water was trickling over his arm. Had he known his sense of bleeding was an illusion, he would have risen above the false belief."

Baltimore Minister  
Is Due Here Sunday

The Rev. Dr. Harris E. Kirk, pastor of the Franklin Street Presbyterian Church, of Baltimore, will preach at the Central Presbyterian Church Sunday morning and at the Central Presbyterian Chapel, in Irving street, near Sixteenth street, Sunday night.

Dr. Kirk, in addition to his regular church duties conducts a Bible class of more than 500 at the Y. M. C. C. has a large Bible class of Johns Hopkins medical students, and a large women's Bible class for all denominations conducted at the Franklin street church.

The Rev. James H. Taylor, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, will preach for Dr. Kirk in Baltimore. During his stay Dr. Kirk will be the guest of Judge W. W. Warwick at the University Club.

Rev. E. Hez Swem to  
Tell of Queer Dream

"My Queer Dream" will be related by the Rev. E. Hez Swem Sunday night at 8 o'clock at the Centennial Baptist Church, Eighth and I streets northeast. Mr. Swem had a strange dream last Sunday night and he will relate it to illustrate his Scriptural text.

## Evangelist to Preach.

At the meeting of the Washington Temple Congregation in New Massing Temple tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock one of the youngest members of the evangelistic staff of the People's Pulpit Association, of New York, will preach. He is Evangelist H. Grant Jolly.

## TO ANSWER QUERIES



THE REV. W. W. BARNES, Pastor of the Douglas M. E. Church, Eleventh and H streets northeast. He will hold a "question and answer" service at his church Sunday evening. The service will be devoted chiefly to the answering of questions on the Gospel of Jesus Christ, by the pastor. A special invitation has been issued to visitors. The service will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Ingram Church Will  
Name Set of Officers

A primary election of church officers will be held at the next annual meeting of Ingram Memorial Church if the recommendation of the pastor, the Rev. J. W. Frizzell, is acted on. Mr. Frizzell believes that the ideals of his church is to train the individual members to work together at things of common interest, and the selection of officers by the primary method is one means of bringing the members together.

Eighty-one members were added to the church during the past year, increasing the total to 423 resident members. In the institutional department are enrolled 252 people, who are making good progress under the direction of Charles H. Stephenson, who may be found every evening at his desk in the church. Much of the success of the women's gymnasium classes, the pastor says, is due to the enthusiastic energy of Miss Minerva H. Pray, the physical director, who is a graduate of the Pose Normal School of Gymnastics of Boston. The sermon subjects for Sunday morning and evening are "Apostolic Beginnings" and "Congregational Ideals."

VESPER SERVICE FOR  
HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Annual Event of Washington Section To Be Held Sunday Evening.

Sunday evening, at 7:30, a solemn vesper service will be sung in St. Augustine's Church, Fifteenth street, between Washington section of the Archdiocesan Union of the Holy Name Society. The spiritual directors of the various branches will occupy seats in the sanctuary, and the Rev. Dr. Kirby, of the Catholic University, will deliver a special sermon.

The various branches will assemble at their respective parish churches, and march in a body to St. Augustine's, if the weather permits. In the event of inclement weather the full membership of the society will assemble in the basement of St. Augustine's, and from there march to position in the church. This service has taken place every year since the organization of the union, and for many years previously, and is always celebrated on the feast day of the Holy Name of Jesus.

The president of the Washington section, Michael D. Schaefer, has received notice from His Grace Bishop Corrigan, the spiritual director of the entire union, that the Rev. James R. Matthews, of St. Cyprian's Church, has been appointed the spiritual director of the Washington section. Father Matthews succeeds the Rev. J. R. Meagher, former spiritual director and prior of St. Dominic's Church, who has been elevated to the office of superior of the Dominican Order in the East, with headquarters in New Jersey.

The executive committee of the Washington section held a meeting last Wednesday evening and various questions concerning the welfare of the society were discussed one of most interest affecting the Junior Holy Name Society and covering a recommendation that a summer outing be arranged for its members, whereby they may spend a pleasant vacation at nominal cost and enjoy wholesome recreation under proper auspices. A resolution was also passed extending a testimonial to the Rev. Ignatius Fealy, spiritual director of St. Joseph's branch, in recognition of his splendid service in furthering the aims of the society and increasing its membership, and in deep regret over his departure from the local field. Father Fealy expects to receive an appointment as chaplain in the army.

Great interest in being manifested in the election of officers of the Washington section, to be held at the regular quarterly meeting at St. Martin's Church on Monday, January 26. The present officers are as follows: M. D. Schaefer, of St. Peter's branch, president; John Hadley Doyle, of Holy Trinity branch, vice president; Michael J. Driscoll, of St. Dominic's branch, treasurer, and D. J. Conlon, of St. Mary's branch, Alexandria, secretary.

Reports from the several branches show a marked increase in membership and a number of new branches organized during the past year.

Dr. McKim's Speech  
Attracts Attention

The address of the Rev. Dr. Randolph McKim on "Why I am a Protestant," at the meeting of Protestant Churches in the New National Theater last evening, has attracted wide publicity in all circles. The Protestant Magazine for February, 1914, has the speech verbatim, together with an elucidating editorial on the subject. It would be well for anyone interested in this great question to read the speech together with the Protestant churches of Washington to read the next number of the Protestant Magazine.

## The One Enduring Friend

The Church is an institution which has outlived men—generations—races. Its age alone is sufficient to command our utmost respect. But it is not this that makes us respect it most—it is the REASON back of this longevity.

No organization can live unless its purpose be a righteous one. The test of time weeds out the purposeless and unwholesome institutions—but those founded upon the principle of BETTERMENT TO MANKIND are even strengthened by that same test.

It is because of the stability of its foundation and the righteousness of its purpose that the Church has lived on through the centuries and gathered luster with

It is true that the great momentum of twentieth century life has made us prone to devote TOO MUCH of our time to business and pleasure, and TOO LITTLE of it to the Church. As a result of this neglect, many good citizens unconsciously allow themselves to believe they do not need the Church. But the fallacy of this belief is invariably flashed upon them in times of great peril, sadness, and despair—it is THEN that they turn to the Church as the unfailing, the infinitely large friend, for that helping hand and condolence which is always to be found there.

Don't wait until your need of the Church is tragically impressed upon you by some unforeseen happening in your life—get the fullest measure of the Church's benefits by regularly attending its services.

The Church would come to you if it could—meet it half way by obeying the impulse which tells you to

## GO TO CHURCH TOMORROW

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